

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 3865 – HB 3850

March 15, 2010

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015299):** Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to promote collaboration and accountability between various entities including continued departmental accreditation with the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services (COA) or its equivalent. If DCS does not maintain COA accreditation, DCS will make a report detailing the reasons for this failure to the General Assembly.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$700/Each One-Day Meeting

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$49,100

(Funding for this amendment in the amount of \$49,100 is included in the Governor's FY10-11 Recommended Budget.)

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to DCS, continued COA accreditation will cost approximately \$49,100 annually. This amount is included in the Governor's Recommended FY10-11 Budget under the DCS administration budget allotment code (359.10) on B-203.
- Any increase in state expenditures to make a report to the General Assembly in the event that DCS loses COA accreditation is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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